

## Community Assessment Program Area 2b Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on April 30, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 2b is bounded on the north by Walnut Street, on the east by Greenfield Street and SW 132nd Avenue, on the south by SW Bull Mountain Road, and on the west by Hillshire Drive and 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The area is zoned and developed medium density residential.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – Our walkers commented that The neighborhood is relatively new, and most properties are receiving a very consistent level of maintenance. The addresses all appeared visible from the street, the storm drains, and utility boxes were in great shape, and the curbs, sidewalks, and streets look great.

**Basketball hoops in right-of-way** – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks or streets which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops will appear in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

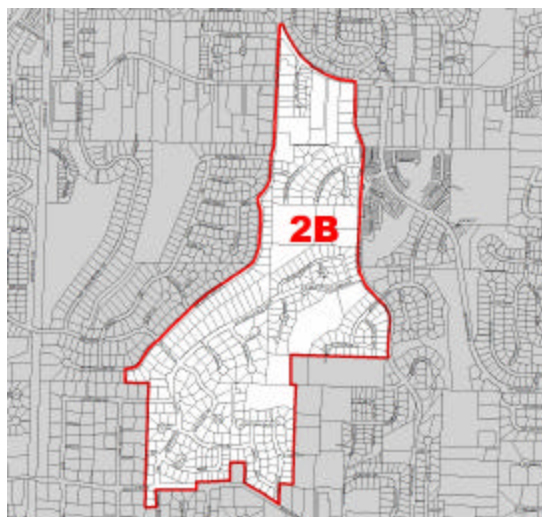
**Overgrown vegetation on private property** – Did you know that any grass over 10 inches tall is considered noxious vegetation and a violation of city code? There were a few comments that grass is beginning to get high on several properties in this area. Make sure to stay on top of the mowing as the warmer weather gets here. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Trip Hazards on sidewalks** – While there were only a few examples of sidewalks creating trip hazards, we want to make sure everyone knows that sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians.

Photo of area 2b



Map of Area 2b



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**Stormwater management ponds** – The Public Works Department will send crews to each of the water management ponds to clear out vegetation and debris that has accumulated. Questions? Contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or [eric@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Addresses not visible** – There are many homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or [27047@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:27047@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Vegetation blocking fire hydrants** – There were a few examples where vegetation had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or [sam@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:sam@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Clogged catch basins** – The Public Works Department will send a crew out to clear out clogged catch basins where noted. Keeping the catch basins clear is important to insure that rain water is directed where it is designed to go. You can help by not dumping debris of any kind down the storm drain and by calling the Public Works Department if you notice a catch basin that needs to be cleaned out. Questions? contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or [eric@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Gaps in sidewalks in newer subdivisions** – The walkers noted several instances where there were gaps in the sidewalk. Generally new subdivisions are required to have sidewalks installed as part of the development. Our Engineering Department will be evaluating the reported instances in sidewalk gaps to determine if they need to be completed by the developer of the subdivision prior to final project closeout. Question? Contact Kim McMillan at 503-639-4171 x 2692 or [kim@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:kim@ci.tigard.or.us) .

*More ways you can help make our community better –*

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.